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## **AMENDMENTS**

## NO AMENDMENTS IN THIS RESPONSE

Claims 1-12 were previously cancelled. Claims 13-37 remain pending.

13. (Previously Added) A composition that reduces intraperitoneal carbonyl-stress state during peritoneal dialysis, comprising a carbonyl compound-trapping agent as an active

ingredient in combination with a peritoneal dialysate.

14. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 13, wherein the carbonyl

compound-trapping agent is immobilized on an insoluble carrier.

15. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 13, wherein the carbonyl

compound-trapping agent is to be mixed with the peritoneal dialysate.

16. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 13, wherein the carbonyl

compound-trapping agent is chosen from aminoguanidine, pyridoxamine, hydrazine,

biguanide compound, SH group containing compound, and derivatives of these.

17. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 13, wherein the carbonyl

compound-trapping agent is an agent inhibiting Maillard reaction.

18. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 13, wherein the carbonyl

compound-trapping agent is a compound insoluble in the peritoneal dialysate and capable of

adsorbing carbonyl compounds.

19. (Previously Added) An adsorbent cartridge that traps carbonyl compounds within

a peritoneal dialysate, wherein the cartridge is filled with a carbonyl compound-trapping

agent.

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20. (Previously Added) A method for preparing a peritoneal dialysate having a reduced carbonyl compound content, the method comprising passing a peritoneal dialysate through an adsorbent cartridge that traps carbonyl compounds within a peritoneal dialysate, wherein the cartridge is comprised of the carbonyl compound-trapping agent.

- 21. (Previously Added) A method for preparing a peritoneal dialysate having a reduced carbonyl compound content, the method comprising:
- (a) contacting the peritoneal dialysate with a carbonyl compound-trapping agent;, and
- (b) separating the peritoneal dialysate from the carbonyl compound-trapping agent.
- 22. (Previously Added) A peritoneal dialysate comprising a carbonyl compound-trapping agent.
- 23. (Previously Added) The peritoneal dialysate of claim 22, wherein the peritoneal dialysate further comprises a reducing sugar and is placed in a container comprising a first compartment and a second compartment, wherein the first compartment contains the reducing sugar and the second compartment contains the carbonyl compound-trapping agent.
- 24. (Previously Added) The peritoneal dialysate of claim 22, wherein the carbonyl compound-trapping agent is administered into the intraperitoneal cavity.
- 25. (Previously Added) A method for improving carbonyl-stress state in a peritoneal-dialysis patient, wherein said method comprises administering a carbonyl-trapping agent to said patient.
- 26. (Previously Added) A method for improving carbonyl-stress state in a peritoneal-dialysis patient, wherein said method comprises adding a carbonyl-trapping agent to a peritoneal dialysate.

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27. (Previously Added) A method, comprising:

passing a peritoneal dialysate through an adsorbent cartridge comprised of a carbonyl compound-trapping agent;

allowing carbonyl compounds to be trapped by the agent thereby reducing carbonyl compounds in the peritoneal dialysate.

- 28. (Previously Added) The method of claim 13, wherein the carbonyl compound-trapping agent is chosen from activated charcoal, guanidine, aminoguanidine, biguanide, cysteine, and albumin.
  - 29. (Previously Added) A method, comprising:

passing a peritoneal dialysate through an adsorbent cartridge;
allowing the peritoneal dialysate to remain in contact with the adsorbent
cartridge for a period of time and under conditions so as to allow carbonyl compounds present in
the peritoneal dialysate to bind to the adsorbent cartridge;

recovering peritoneal dialysate having a reduced carbonyl compound content as compared to peritoneal dialysate entering the adsorbent cartridge.

- 30. (Previously Added) The method of claim 29, wherein the absorbent cartridge is comprised of aminoguanidine.
- 31. (Previously Added) The method of claim 29, wherein the absorbent cartridge is comprised of 2-isopropylidenehydrazono-4-oxo-thiazolidin-5-yl-acetanilide.
- 32. (Previously Added) The method of claim 29, wherein the absorbent cartridge is comprised of a guanidine derivative.
- 33. (Previously Added) The method of claim 32, wherein the guanidine derivative is methylguanidine.

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34. (Previously Added) The method of claim 29, wherein the absorbent cartridge is comprised of a hydrazine derivative.

- 35. (Previously Added) The method of claim 34, wherein the hydrazine derivative is sulfonylhydrazine.
- 36. (Previously Added) The method of claim 29, wherein the absorbent cartridge is comprised of a compound chosen from pyrazolone, triazole, thiazoline, oxazole, pyridine, pyrimidine, benzothiazole, benzopyran, hydrazine, hydroquinone, benzoic acid, pyrrolonaphthyridinium, pyridoxamine, glutathione, cysteine, or N-acetylcysteine.
- 37. (Previously Added) The method of claim 29, wherein the absorbent cartridge comprises a composition chosen from activated charcoal, silica gel, alumina, and calcium carbonate